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Paris, was presented by the wife of Ambassador Hill, on her own initiative. The other ladies were present by the request either of the court, as in the case of Mrs. Paul Warren, who is a German subject by her first marriage, or of a friendly diplomat, as in the case of Miss Helen Gandy, a friend of the Italian ambassador's wife.

Ambassador Hill, as is his custom, wore ordinary evening dress. First Secretary Hill was presented a second time because of his recent prominence. It was also the second presentation for Mrs. Warren, the first having taken place eighteen years ago. The ceremony of presentation was a short one, the presenter simply walking past the throne with a curtsy to the Emperor and Empress, then entering the refreshment room and afterwards passing on to the street.

A feature of the annual dinner of the American Association of Commerce and Trade on Monday was the presence of an unusual number of American consuls, among them Messrs. Hurst, of Plauen; Harris, of Nuremberg; Thompson, of Hanover; Lowrie, of Erfurt; Hanna, of Magdeburg; Spahr, of Bremen; and others.

The dinner was a most successful one. The German custom of sandwiching speeches between the courses. A painful result of this is that when the oratory continues for some time, the clock of the dinner is spoiled by the long waits. The guests said that oratory would be appreciated more over the cigars and coffee than between soup and fish and an entree and entremets.

The Empress visited the American section of the exhibition work at Wertheim's store. The wife of the American consul-general conducted the Empress, who was greatly pleased with the exhibition over a Navajo blanket, with a hole cut in it for the head, in the form of a clock. Frau von Versa, Darmstadt, Miss Hartello and other American ladies shared in the arrangements.

Edith Walker sang as a guest of the royal opera on Sunday and had a fine success. She gave selections from Brunnhilde in "Gottterdammerung."

**Vandyke's Lecture.**

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AMSTERDAM, January 23.—Extraordinary success attended Henry Vandyke's course of lectures at the Sorbonne on the spirit of America. Hundreds are turned away each time he speaks, referring to the reception of his discourses. Mr. Vandyke says: "France is never contented. At her courts, my audiences show a large interest in the local liberty and independence which is enjoyed by separate minds in the United States, and which permit a larger and freer development of individual character than is possible in a highly centralized country."

"Another subject that has aroused my particular attention," said Mr. Vandyke, "is the spirit of fair play underlying the independence of character and character and state. America has independence does not invite any hostility to religion on the part of the State; wealth for his own sake is less worshiped in America than in Europe. What we worship is not the dollar, but the force and capacity of the man who makes it. Sometimes there is a tendency to worship this force without inquiring for what purpose it is being used, but that tendency will be corrected in the future."

"The thing most needed in France," continued Mr. Vandyke, "is a spirit of unity in regard to the common needs and interests of the country. I think it is growing."

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**Shaw Says It's Easy.**

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LONDON, January 23.—Bernard Shaw, despite his bad health, is deeply interested in the project of his play, "The Admirable Crichton," which he is writing for the Theatre. He says he wrote it in such an atmosphere as Elizabethan style "just to show how easy it was." Elizabethan scene effects will be used. Mr. Shaw considers the scenery of his plays enormously exaggerated, and prefers to return to the times when merely curtains were used.

He says: "It is my own experience as an author behind the scenes that what is a play is first put into rehearsal, say in some room, not a stage at all, the scenes go on easily and naturally, and then the actors and themselves surrounded by scenery. The effect upon them of scenery is devastating and draws from their work."

"I believe the scenery distracts the attention of spectators. You have only to watch the faces of an audience at a big play to see how the interest is held. It is almost impossible to hear people playing poor Shakespeare because his plays were given without scenery. It is my opinion that he made no use of it, because he did not wish to. Elaborate scenery was used for masques, and Shakespeare could not doubt have availed himself of it."

Mr. Shaw also believes that the mission of the theatre is not to amuse people, but to teach. Its object, he says, should be to make them think.

"Frequently during a performance of my plays," he says, "there has been plenty of applause, as yesterday afternoon, but over and over again the curtain fell uncomplainingly. They had been thinking, but they were not to be taken by their money's worth."

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out of the newspapers as far as possible. He expressed the hope that editors will respect his wishes in the matter and confine themselves to reporting the Reichs-anzeiger's summary.

**Carrie in London.**

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LONDON, January 23.—Carrie Nation arrived in London to-night and began work a few minutes later. She invaded the Oxford Music Hall, which was crowded, and strode into the bar. There she denounced the barmaid in a loud voice, and the audience was soon in an uproar over the disturbance. She refused to leave, and the barmaid, who had been called in to induce Carrie to leave, failing, he led her, still protesting, from the house.

**Wireless Tells of the Accident.**

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The operator at Siasconset did not have long to wait before messages from the shoreward side and ships began to drum into his ears.

Vineyard Haven and Woodhole, also wireless stations, had caught the alarm sent out from Siasconset.

Woodhole said that the revenue cutter had started out on the rescue. From Boston came the report that the revenue cutter Gresham had the news, and was leaving for the spot where the Republic drifted. The Mohawk and Seneca told Gingham that they had picked up his flash off the coast and were off for Nantucket light.

Before the wires over Gingham's head had ceased their landward conversation out of the fog beyond the surf came another message from the Republic. This time from Captain Sealby, in command, and was addressed to the White Star officers in New York. It was simply a duplicate of the message that had first come to the Siasconset operator after the first startling "C. Q. D." This message was out on the land wires to New York, and reached the White Star offices at No. 9 Broadway long before they were opened for business.

Later another message sifted in through the fog. This read: "Baltic, 115 miles east Ambrose Channel, going to assistance of Republic."

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